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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/798,552; Filed: March 12, 2004
For: **Method for Increasing Rate at Which a Comparator in a Metastable
Condition Transitions to a Steady State (As Amended)**
Inventors: Mulder *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.2910001/JTH/TAD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
3. Return postcard; and
4. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$88.00 to cover fee for excess claims.

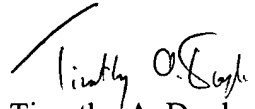
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1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
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Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **July 9, 2004**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 2), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

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 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
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